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**Local man receives Queen's Birthday  
OBE - See the full story on page 3.**

**Colcot clinic set to close and make way  
for new homes - see more on page 5.**

## 'Hand through letter box' in Queen Street delivers a social media frenzy

SOMETHING was afoot on Christmas Day in Barry when a resident claimed to have seen a man's hand coming through the front door letter box, an incident that

Barry police are investigating.

A similar incident was reported nearby and people took to social media to warn one another.

A police spokesperson told The GEM: "We are investigating an attempted burglary

which took place in Queen Street, Barry, on December 25, shortly before 11.50pm.

"The homeowner reported seeing a man's hand coming through the letterbox of the front door. The resident opened the front door and the man ran off.

"A similar report was received from a resident in High Street at around 12am."

If anyone has any information, call 101, quoting reference 1800485443 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Lovely weather at bumper New Year's Day dip at Barry Island



IMAGE by ANDY WICKS.

AN estimated 2,000 people took part in the Tŷ Hafan Barry Island New Year's Day Dip.

It proved a huge success for the charity which was organising the event for the first time.

A New Year's Day swim has been a tradition on the Island for 35 years, with those taking part doing it to raise funds for good causes.

By midday on Tuesday the Island was packed

with the people taking part in the dip and spectators on the promenade.

Before heading for the water, the dippers were able to take part in a warm-up with Barry based Cardio Core Fitness.

There was a bonus this year - the dip took place under bright sunny skies, a change from the overcast conditions of recent years.

For more images of the event, turn to page 17.

## 98 bus trial comes to an end - and service will not be extended

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## Criticism of town is unfair



**I** am writing in response to recent letters published in The GEM regarding the 'state' of our town.

For me personally, shuttered shops is not the only issue. For two, nearly three years I have been battling with Barry Town Council over the state/neglect of the lane (which runs directly to the rear of Holton Road) from Kendrick Road to the back of Tesco.

This lane is a total and utter disgrace! It is constantly littered with smashed glass/bags and bags of rubbish, I could go on for days! Initially the council agreed in places to take some responsibility and took some measures to clean the lane. That, however, in the last year has completely stopped, as I now have been told "the land is private" and there is "nothing" they can do.

I have proof of these words via email responses.

I fear for the mothers and toddlers I see using this lane (passage through Hell feels more appropriate) due to the broken glass and God

knows what else littering this area. I have spoken to neighbours who feel as I do, very angry about this problem. It is causing me, personally a great deal of anxiety.

Sometimes I feel ashamed of where I live and completely powerless to do anything to bring the council to account for their utter disregard towards the greater environment and the town's people as a whole.

I have attached pictures of some areas of the lane which cause me particular concern (directly behind Domino's Pizza); however, the problem extends all the way to the rear of Tesco also and is not isolated to just this area.

Further to this issue, what this proves also is what a total failure the council's new two black bag policy is, as you can see people have found new ways to dispose of their excesses.

Mr Evans,  
Barry.

## Friendship Club's thanks

**W**e would like to say a very big thank you to all the volunteer drivers who transport members

of the Cowbridge Friendship Club to their monthly meetings at Llanblethian Church Hall and to wish them all a very happy and prosperous new year.

Olive Rawson and Pat Smith, Cowbridge.

## Readers' Letters

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## Dinas reader asks Economy and Transport Minister to get his skates on

**D**EAR Mr Skates, I was not pleased to note that finance has been denied to the transport study group for the construction of a bypass for Dinas Powys as reported in the Barry & Penarth GEM of December 20.

Why has such a retrograde step been taken? I am a retired resident of Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys and every day witness the stream of cars and delivery vehicles stopped, waiting, frustrated and impatient to make their way into Cardiff. Sooner or later this problem will have to be dealt with, particularly now that permission to build a further 2,000 houses in Barry and at various locations along the route has been granted.

## Unhelpful gesture politics by local councillor over Lllancarfan school

**W**HILE I sympathise and agree with Jim Barratt's frustrations over the decision regarding Lllancarfan School I am not sure what he believes Cllr Matt Lloyd's actions will achieve other than make the Conservatives' administration of the Vale that much more difficult.

What is not generally understood is that policies on Health, Housing and Education are devolved matters and as a result, formed by the Welsh Assembly Government and offer the local councils little or no scope for tailoring to specific local needs.

This is why we have a housing programme which is way beyond our requirements, with little or no thought given to

infrastructure implications including transport, health, education and sewerage systems.

Unfortunately the Lllancarfan School debate was led not by a Conservative, but by the one independent member responsible for education in the Vale Council cabinet.

At the end of the day, however, the continued existence of Lllancarfan village school could not be supported simply because it could not be developed to the minimum roll levels required to comply with WAG funding conditions.

Cllr Lloyd would have been far better hanging on in there helping his colleagues put pressure on the WAG to better meet the aspirations of the Vale population as a whole. As things are, he is likely to have made things much more difficult.

Peter Graham-Woollard, Colwinston.

The situation can only get worse with gridlock for more of the day.

Add to this the overriding problem of air pollution which is being wrought upon the residents of Dinas Powys throughout the day. It seems to me that an ostrich-like attitude continues to be taken by government, who must resolve the problem.

Let's face it, there's nothing to be pleased about. Tell it like it is.

Is the problem is too big for government at your and county level to resolve? Has the bypass such a low priority that there is no incentive to deal with the matter until the traffic problems at Culverhouse Cross/Port Road for better airport access remain unresolved?

What would help is a publicity campaign to say where we are in the pecking order for finance and road planning. What is the greater traffic plan for south Glamorgan: is it futile to pursue a bypass in the near or distant future; after all, a route was proposed in the 1920s and some of this has since been built on.

I await your reply with eager anticipation.  
PW Blackwell,  
Dinas Powys.

## Concert success for Barry Male Voice Choir

**T**HE many Christmas concerts over a very busy time for the Barry Male Voice Choir are over.

Choristers have enjoyed a well deserved rest following many community events and they wish to thank their old and new friends for their support and generosity.

The Christmas concert with the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band continues to be an eagerly awaited part of the Christmas tradition. The weather for last year's

Gareth Jones, Barry.

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The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
03 Thur	04.27	8.9	16.52	9.0
04 Fri	05.17	9.1	17.39	9.2
05 Sat	05.58	9.3	18.20	9.1
06 Sun	06.39	9.5	18.58	9.4
07 Mon	07.18	9.7	19.33	9.4
08 Tues	07.49	9.4	20.08	9.1

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## Residential proposals for the Master Mariner pub

**THE Master Mariner public house on Skomer Road, which enjoys panoramic views across Barry and the Bristol Channel, could be demolished and turned into flats or a GP surgery.**

The site is the subject of a council report seeking approval to surrender the lease for redevelopment.

The report goes before the Vale Cabinet on Monday, January 7 and states: "Over the last few

years, S A Brain Ltd has found it increasingly difficult to keep their business at the Master Mariner Public House sustainable.

"The public house was closed for several months, only reopening in the summer of 2018 to provide a limited service under temporary hours with a temporary steward."

The report said the site could either be turned into 20 affordable flats or might provide a location for a GP surgery and pharmacy.

The council is carrying out

surveys on the site to ensure it is suitable for redevelopment.

The team running the Master Mariner took to Facebook in late December to urge local people to visit the pub and provide it with a lifeline.

One poster commented: "Such a shame, it just needs a bit of TLC as the smoking area and veranda is looking tired, but all in all, a great community pub with fantastic locals."

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## Disability sport man receives his Queen's Birthday OBE



**A LOCAL man, Jeff Savory, who received an OBE in the Queen Birthday Honours list in May, was presented with his medal on Thursday, December 20, by HRH Prince Charles, Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace.**

Mr Savory told The GEM: "My wife Valerie, my youngest son James and eldest grandson Rhys attended the event with me. "I was pleased that some of my family

where able to attend and share this experience, because without their support I would have not been able to give the time I have to disability sport.

"It was a great experience for the members of my family who attended my investiture at Buckingham Palace, and a very proud day for us all.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wife Valerie for her support throughout the years that we have both been involved with disability sport."

*Pictured are Valerie, James and Jeff Savory at Buckingham Palace.*

## End of an era as Baden Powell Award made for final time to local Girl Guide



**LAUREN Moran of 10th Barry Guides was presented with her Baden Powell award at a special ceremony recently.**

The award was first made in 1983 and has run for 35 years. It is the final time it will be handed out because in an update to the Guiding programme, the Baden Powell award will be replaced by a new Gold Guide award in the Vale of Glamorgan District.

The Baden Powell Challenge has been one of the hardest awards in Girlguiding to complete.

The award culminated in Lauren attending a Baden Powell adventure at a week-long camp in Broneirion in Llandinam. Commissioner Mandy Giltinan tested Lauren on the challenges for the award.

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## Bus service will not be extended

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Transport campaigners and politicians urged residents to use the enhanced service to make it financially viable, but in the last few days, Cardiff Bus has said that the response did not warrant a permanent change to the timetable.

A Cardiff Bus spokesman said: "The trial extension on service 98 will end and the service will revert back to its pre-September 2018 timetable from Monday, January 7.

"We have worked with the Vale Council and existing customers to raise the awareness of the trial afternoon service, but regrettably, despite best endeavours, we have not seen the level of usage increase to support the afternoon timetable on a permanent basis."

The trial period ran from September 3 to December 21 and was agreed by Cardiff Bus and the Vale Council following a five-year campaign by residents who were keen to improve links between Highlight Park and Barry town centre.

Local councillor Vincent Bailey said: "Speaking to local

residents, some feel that the pilot hasn't been as reliable as it could have been, but it is clear that we haven't seen the uplift in passenger numbers that we would have hoped for or expected."

He claimed Welsh Government cuts were responsible for the loss of all but the most profitable bus services, adding: "It's time for a rethink before more and more communities lose their vital transport lifeline."

Local campaigner Elwyn Toozer said he would have liked to see a longer trial period.

"I was very disappointed at the Cardiff Bus decision not to give the service more of a chance as three months during dark afternoons hardly invites the elderly to travel. A six-month trial in the spring would have been preferred."

"I'm disappointed for those who did use the service on a regular basis and supported the campaign and who will now be penalised because of those who complained about a lack of afternoon operation but did not use the service after several years of moaning."

"The Vale Council is to be thanked for helping to fund the trial and perhaps there could be a rethink on re-routing other services in the spring to cater for those that do require an afternoon service for Highlight Park and Cwm Talwg areas."

## Sing in the New Year with St Donat's Chorale

**ST Donat's Chorale is holding a special event for anyone who enjoys singing but does not have the confidence to sing with people they do not know.**

The choir is having a 'Come and Sing' day on Saturday, January 19 when anybody can just pop along. It is absolutely free, there are no auditions and you will receive coaching, as the choir start rehearsing for their next concert in April.

A choir spokesperson said: "The event will start at 11am and finish at 4pm but we would ask you to arrive a little earlier, so we can sort you out with music and put you with other choir members whose voices are similar to yours."

"The venue is our rehearsal base which is Ysgol Y Ddraig Primary School Ham Lane East Llantwit Major, CF61 1TQ."

"We will supply refreshments and home made cakes, all free, when we break for

lunch at 1pm for an hour. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch along if you prefer.

"We are a mixed choir with over 45 members who treat music as a remedy for relaxing, doing 'something different,' visiting various places to sing, sometimes with other choirs, but all the time just enjoying being with other people who like creating what is hopefully a beautiful sound."

"In order to ensure we have enough music to distribute, we need you to let us know in advance by either going on to our website at [www.stdonats.org](http://www.stdonats.org) and registering your interest, or by picking up one of our fliers from the Town Hall, Llantwit library, St Illtud's Church or Nickelby's book shop, and completing the slip at the bottom and posting it back to us."



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# Colcot Clinic set to close – and make way for new homes

**A HEALTH clinic in Barry is set to close to make way for a development of affordable homes.**

The Vale Council is set to buy the Colcot Clinic site in Winston Road for nine affordable one-bed apartments to be built there.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board has deemed the clinic surplus to

requirements and it is due to close this month, a council report has said.

The council's cabinet on December 17 gave approval to conclude the negotiations with the health board and for a planning application to be drawn up for the new homes.

Cllr Andrew Parker, cabinet member for housing and building services, told the meeting: "Cardiff and Vale University

Health Board has declared the health clinic surplus to requirements and intends to close the facility at the end of the year."

Cllr John Thomas, leader of the council, added: "It's a good news story with the continuation of our social housing building within the council."

**Matt Discombe,**  
Local democracy reporter



## A Friends and Neighbours Christmas celebration!

**BARRY Library FAN (Friends And Neighbours) group enjoyed their Christmas celebrations complete with crackers and individual gifts at the Brewer's Fayre restaurant.**

Many thanks to Erica and Ann for organising this, our very first outing. We now hope to repeat this success in the

summer with a trip further afield. FAN groups meet for an hour weekly to take turns to talk about their daily lives and a weekly topic. Recently, we discussed caring for the environment, where our main concerns were the islands of plastic in the oceans and recycling responsibly.

Barry Library FAN will continue to meet during the Christmas holidays on Wednesdays at

11.30am, except on Boxing Day. Palmerston Community Learning FAN is now closed until January 14, when we will meet at 2pm.

A new group at Golau Careidig (the old cinema) will begin on January 15 at 10.30am. All groups are free and welcome everyone, so come and make some new friends.

For further information email: carolinefan201.

## £1.3m gas pipe upgrade in Dinas

**WALES & West Utilities is to begin a £1.3 million scheme to upgrade the gas network in Dinas Powys and is inviting local people to hear more about the plans.**

Ahead of the work to upgrade more than 8km of old metal gas pipes to new plastic ones over a two-year period, the company is inviting local people to a drop-in session on Wednesday, January 9 between 1pm and 7pm at Dinas Powys Tennis Club, St Andrew's Road, Dinas Powys CF64 4HB.

The work, which will be carried out in two phases, is set to begin

on January 2 and will be completed during the spring. It will start in Perclose before moving to Station Road, where it has been agreed that a rolling road closure will be in place. The second phase of work is expected to take place in January 2020.

Wales & West Utilities Programme Controller, Francis Kirk, is managing the work and said: "We're urging anyone who wants to find out about the work and the traffic management plans to come along to our drop-in session on January 9. Our team will be on hand to answer any queries people may have.

## High-level talks with Penarth Aviation Society

**THERE have been several events at the Aviation Society last month. On the 7th, we were shown Hurricane, a film telling the story of Polish fliers who fought against the might of the Luftwaffe in the Battle of Britain.**

On the 15th we met for our Christmas social, and many thanks to all those who helped organise the event. Our first meeting of 2019 will be held on Friday, January 4 at 7.45pm for 8pm at the Penarth Conservative Club.

Our speaker this month will be member Mike Duxbury. Mike has presented several talks in the past and we await this one with keen anticipation. His talk this time is entitled 'Reach for the Sky- Mankind's pursuit of Height'.

Since ancient times Mankind has been fascinated with height: settlements have been founded on hilltops,

gods resided in high mountains (Mount Olympus), churches were built with tall steeples. This was for many reasons, including religious (getting closer to Heaven), and military (a better view of oncoming armies from a height).

However, it was only with the advent of aircraft in the early 20th century that humans were able to leave the ground and soar to great heights, and even escape the planet entirely. Mike will taking us on this journey through the ages to great heights.

The club meets on the first Friday of the month at Penarth Conservative Club. Visitors and potential members are welcome to attend a meeting, for a small donation.

For more information, visit [www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk](http://www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk).

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## Panto stars' Marie Curie visit



**PATIENTS at the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth met cast members from the New Theatre's production of Beauty and the Beast – including The Beast/Prince Sebastian, played by Hollyoaks and West End actor Ben Richards, and**

comedian Mike Doyle and Stephanie Webber who visited the hospice last year.

"Christmas can be a difficult time for people living with a terminal illness and their families, so we were thrilled to be able to visit the hospice to bring a sprinkling of festive magic to patients, staff and visitors," said Mr Doyle. "To be able to meet the

patients, their families and to see for a short time the wonderful care provided by Marie Curie Nurses was wonderful."

Jan Townsend's granddaughters Hollie and Maisie were delighted with the visit. "After the girls had been to see the pantomime, they were thrilled to see the cast up close when visiting their grandfather Eddie," she said.

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# Penarth Town Council ends operation of the Kymin and opens West House annexe

**PENARTH Town Council is ceasing operation of The Kymin house and grounds and opening West House annexe as a space for community hire.**

On December 20, Members resolved to issue notice on the Council's license to operate The Kymin from the Vale Council and resolved to utilise West House annexe for community use.

Since 1982, the Council has operated The Kymin under a license from the local authority as a venue available for hire, with gardens open to the public.

Penarth Town Council has sought a more secure tenure of the site, through Community Asset Transfer or medium-long term lease.

This would have allowed the financial investment required in the venue and these approaches have

been declined by the Vale Council.

The Vale Council's strategic asset review of buildings and land in their ownership will now not include the Kymin until 2020 and under the terms of the long-standing license agreement, 12 months' notice must be provided by the Town Council.

With no security of tenure, Penarth Town Council cannot warrant precepting for the significant expenditure required on site.

Seeking to offer community hire space, the Town Council will now operate West House annexe as a venue available to the public, utilising the assets under the Town Council's ownership. Existing hirers of The Kymin will be issued with periods of notice and alternative arrangements will be offered to community groups where possible. Other venues such as The Paget Rooms, Cemetery and West House remain unaffected.

The Leader of Penarth Town Council, Cllr Rhiannon Birch, said: "The Town Council is proud to have operated The Kymin for the people of Penarth and its visitors for four decades. Clearly, with no security of tenure, we cannot commit the expenditure required on site and this Council has no choice but to issue notice."

"We are proud of the events and hires hosted by the building and the valuable green space it provides in Penarth. Indeed, recent highlights include the awarding to Penarth Town Council of Green Flag status for the public grounds."

"We are glad to be able to offer community hire space at West House annexe as another step in the development of West House, following the improvements to the public community garden under the Penarth in Bloom project."

## Ellie-Rose makes her first rescue



Ellie-Rose Griffiths.

**A PENARTH teenager responded to her first shout with Penarth Lifeboat Station last month.**

Ellie-Rose Griffiths (18), who attends Stanwell School, had only received her RNLI pager a few weeks earlier.

An RNLI spokesperson said: "Our smaller D class lifeboat was launched following reports of two people being cut off on Sully Island shortly after 1.30pm."

"As the lifeboat rushed to the island, we received notification that the two people had made it back to the mainland,

but even so a check was made of the island to ensure that no one else was cut off."

"Miss Griffiths has undergone her initial crew training and assessment and was one of the first crew at the station. She was able to go out on the boat with more trained crew members. We're all really proud of her."

Miss Griffiths said: "I've been training now for a few months, getting ready for my first shout. It was a bit funny leaving school, but everyone has been so helpful in letting me follow my dream of being a crew member."

## Councillor's thanks

**TOWN councillor Nic Hodges has thanked the hundreds of people who attended Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery Chapel to light a candle in memory of loved ones on December 23.**

He said: "This was the 14th year that Shirley and I hosted this event. Lots of friends came along for a hot drink, to listen to some music and light a candle. It was lovely to see lots of new faces too."

"Thank you to everyone for the generous donations of £330. The money will be used for flower planting at the new bee hives at the cemetery."

## Vale county councillor is charged with 10 counts of 'non-recent sexual offences'

**POLICE have charged a 71-year-old Barry man with a number of non-recent sexual offences.**

Anthony Hampton was arrested in January 2018, and was charged with 10 counts of indecent assault on December 21 last year.

The charges relate to two people, who were children at the time of the alleged offences.

He will appear at Cardiff Magistrates Court on January 15, and detectives are carrying out further enquiries.

Mr Hampton is a Vale county councillor, representing the Illyd ward. Debbie Marles, Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services at the Vale Council, said: "Cllr Hampton remains an elected member of the Council for the Illyd ward."

"Under the Local

Government Act it is only the Adjudication Panel for Wales that has the statutory power, following an application from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, to suspend councillors on an interim basis.

As the Council's Monitoring Officer I have informed the Ombudsman's Office of this matter. Cllr Hampton does not currently sit on any committees.

"The Council takes allegations of this kind extremely seriously. After being informed of the arrest of Cllr Hampton by South Wales Police earlier this year the Vale Council, in conjunction with Barry Town Council, immediately instigated its safeguarding process in line with the All Wales Child Protection Procedures. The Council has since worked to assist the police with their investigation."

The Vale of Glamorgan Conservatives announced that Cllr Hampton had been suspended with immediate effect.

## News in brief

### Barry Beavers

**BARRY Beavers Disabled Swimming Club will resume at Barry Leisure Centre with a new time of 3.30pm – 5pm on January 12.**

For more information about joining the club as a helper or swimmer (or both) contact the club's coach Pat Finch on 07517 121729 or find out more with GVS at Skomer Road, at the Communities First centre; or at the Library at King Square in Holton Road.

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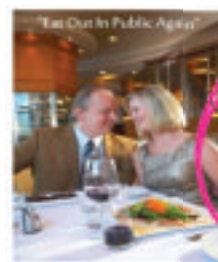
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- It is for you if you have not sung before or are unsure about joining a choir.
- You will not be expected to sing on your own - but you are invited to sing along with the choir.
- Please come along and enjoy a **free pint and buffet and meet existing choir members - many of whom joined over the past 3 or 4 years.**



## New choristers say:

- *A real sense of friendship and belonging from the choir*
- *The banter and the friendship*
- *I always leave rehearsals on a high plus the thrill of performing in public is where it all comes together*
- *I enjoy the buzz of performing in public after all the hard work in rehearsals*
- *When I heard the choir sing at the taster evening I was blown away*
- *Enjoyment, camaraderie and the challenge from learning*



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# Final event of a busy year for the Barry RAFA



## Commissioner keen to hear views of Dinas residents

**THE Older Peoples Commissioner for Wales paid a visit to Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern's office recently to see how the charity helps the community.**

John Fanshaw, chair of DPVC, welcomed Helena Herklots and outlined the various services that DPVC provides for elderly and less mobile members of our community.

Cllr Fanshaw said: "We offer transport to Dinas Powys Medical Centre, local dentists and Llandough Hospital for those who otherwise find appointments difficult to attend.

"In addition, the minibus transports people to the shops and community activities including the Wednesday Afternoon Club and the RVS Friday Luncheon Club. Other services, including DPVC's befriending

service and digital support, were also described".

Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Helena Herklots, said: "It was a pleasure to attend the Christmas coffee morning in Murchfield Community Centre and have the chance to meet the older people there to hear about what would make Wales the best place to grow older for them. Their voices and experiences will help to inform my work programme, which will be published in the new year.

"It was also lovely to hear a performance from the Dinas Powys Primary School Choir, who got everyone at the event into the Christmas spirit."

The school choir, led by Mrs Messer, sang a range of carols.

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**IT has been an exceptionally busy year for the Barry branch, its 80th anniversary, MoD St Athan's 80th anniversary and the Royal Air Force Centenary year (RAF100).**

Each organisation has supported and celebrated the other at the various events, none more so than at the branch anniversary dinner held recently at the Dinas Powys Golf Club – a hidden gem of a venue, and attended by over 80 guests.

The dining experience was exceptional, the atmosphere electric and the branch is grateful to Dinas Powys GC for their attention to detail that made the evening so special.

We were honoured to have had so many special friends and guests join us for the evening, raising over £500 for RAFA.

New and not so new acquaintances were formed

or rekindled through fun and laughter. One special mention must go to the president of the RAFA, Sir Baz North and his lovely wife Lady Fiona North for making the long journey down to help us celebrate an important milestone.

The year began in March with the branch receiving the RAFA token from Penarth branch, transferring it onto an open top double decked bus, working with Fr Ben and St Mary's Church to bless it, before the Barry RNLI transported it out to sea to hand over to Porthcawl RNLI, who handed it on to the RAFA Porthcawl branch.

Numerous commemorative events as far away as London, the north, the south and the Midlands were attended for RAF100 where standard bearers paraded the branch and regional standards. The standards were also paraded at the three Royal

Air Force MoD St Athan Freedom parades in Llandwit, Cowbridge and Barry.

In September, the branch hosted the ABS choir from Steenberg, Netherlands, which performed at All Saints' Church, Barry and All Saints' Church, Penarth for the branch annual concert.

Finally, in late November the two branch standard bearers took part in the Birmingham Military Tattoo, attended by thousands of regular supporters of the tattoo.

The branch looks forward to providing support and guidance to those serving and ex-serving personnel and their dependants in the future. Visit the webpage or find us on Facebook.

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# Vale AM wishes peace and hope for the New Year

**A**S we greet the New Year, we will all be hoping for peace and certainty for the future for our families, communities and the economy and for all those who are vulnerable and in need in the world.

I look forward to playing my part in the new Welsh Government led by Professor Mark Drakeford AM, supporting him in his office in the key central functions and responsibilities of the Welsh Government with the first Cabinet held a few days after his appointment of ministers and full briefings on my portfolio leading up to Christmas.

It was a memorable moment to participate in the ceremony with The Hon Mr Justice Lewis taking the oath of allegiance as a new minister in the Government, accompanied by Caryl Williams, who heads my office as your AM in the Vale.

With Equalities in my portfolio, I was delighted that the new First Minister delivered on his promise to have a gender balanced Cabinet. In fact, he has appointed more women than men to the Welsh Government following in

the footsteps of his mentor, former First Minister Rhodri Morgan, including the appointment of my constituent, former MP and AM for Cardiff North Julie Morgan AM.

It is also welcome that both Vaughan Gething and Eluned Morgan, who were candidates in the Labour leadership contest, are in key positions in the Cabinet.

I have enjoyed a number of Christmas concerts and services across the Vale of Glamorgan over the past few weeks

starting with the RNLI service, followed by Barry Community Choir, Barry Ladies' Choir, Barry Male Voice Choir, Barnardo's fundraising coffee morning, and Ewenny Priory Christmas concert. Funds have been raised for charities and the annual Christmas dinners have been well attended, organised by teams of volunteers – Royal British Legion and the Friends and Neighbours with Age Connects, where I held a busy surgery before Christmas.

Christmas is a time of joy and happiness for many but not for all; and I was pleased to donate a Christmas hamper I won at All Saints' Church to the Vale Foodbank with church members adding to the hamper, so a large donation was taken to St Mary's Church

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by Vale AM  
**JANE HUTT**

before Christmas.

The growing need for support for families to access foodbanks is of great concern and I was pleased to take part in the annual collection at Tesco, where shoppers were generous with their donations.

I chaired a meeting of local agencies involved in supporting people with Universal Credit now being rolled out in the Vale. I have raised my concerns throughout the year about Universal Credit and the way it is being implemented, causing anxiety and hardship throughout the country, and we hope the UK Government will heed the concerns raised and make changes to its delivery.

I was pleased to visit Barry Hospital on Christmas Eve to thank the staff and volunteers as well as meet patients and

relatives visiting before Christmas. Getting rid of the punitive parking fines system was a great outcome after a long campaign but I am now working with the Health Board to make many more positive changes to the hospital with exciting plans to be announced in the New Year.

I am pleased that local schools and voluntary groups such as Beautiful Barry and Green Gibbys are getting involved in these plans.

Speaking at the funeral of Catherine Watkins before Christmas was a great honour and privilege as we came together to remember and celebrate the life of this remarkable person, who achieved so much in her life; passing away so tragically after a long fight with illness but leaving the wonderful Vale Parent/Child Homework Support Club for us to take forward.

We remember those who have served, as she did, as a parent, aunt, daughter and inspiring community leader. Cath Watkins served her community in a wonderful, imaginative way bringing so much hope and goodwill to others as well as her beloved family.

B l w y d d y n  
Newydd Dda.

## Masonic bikers support the Amelia Trust Farm



Paul Haley visited the Amelia Trust Farm to see the valuable work it undertakes and present a cheque for £500.

**SOUTH Wales Freemasons Motorcycle Club, known as 'Widows Sons', recently donated £500 to the Amelia Trust Farm at its Christmas Farm Day. The money was raised through bike ride outs and events.**

The Vale-based Amelia Trust Farm is a countryside sanctuary for the members of the public are welcome to visit. As a registered charity, it has a long history of providing therapeutic support to disadvantaged and vulnerable people in a care farm setting.

Paul Haley, communications officer for South Wales Freemasons, braved the weather to present a cheque to Amelia Trust Farm director Karen Turnbull.

Karen said: "We

are very grateful to the Widows Sons South Wales Masonic Bikers for raising £500 for us through ride outs and events. We also had the pleasure of meeting masonic biker Steve Woodfin from Barry, who helped us with Father Christmas duties in the afternoon. Thank you to everybody involved – it will help towards maintenance of the farm and the vital work we do with vulnerable people."

Paul Haley said: "I am proud to have been asked by the Widows Sons to present a donation to assist with the upkeep of the farm and the vital work undertaken with vulnerable people."

Anyone who is a biker and wants to know more about becoming a Freemason can search Facebook www.facebook.com/WSMBAWales.

## Winter walks for ramblers

**EACH year, ramblers host a Festival of Winter Walks with groups all across the country taking part to encourage people to enjoy the benefits of walking.**

Penarth and District Ramblers' second festival walk was led by Jan and John, who hosted a group of 14, beginning from Cosmeston Country Park. They headed over the new footbridge and past the medieval village to join Mile Lane, across Lavernock Road. They headed south along St Mary's Well Bay Road to join the Wales Coast Path, crossing muddy fields into Lavernock Nature Reserve with views of Sully Island.

The muddy clifftop brought them to Lavernock Battery and the ruined World War Two heavy anti-aircraft gun emplacements, before continuing through the reserve emerging onto Fort Road. They walked south to St Lawrence Church, where a plaque on the outer wall commemorates Marconi, assisted by George Kemp, transmitting the first wireless signal across open water on May 13, 1897.

The cliff top path led them back to Cliff Parade and deviating through Windsor Gardens, they descended to a sunlit Penarth Pier for morning coffee, before heading up through Alexandra Park and the Dolly Steps to make their return via the disused railway track.

The following day, Ann hosted the third walk beginning from Cogan Leisure Centre, when a group of eight made their way down to Pont y Werin to join

three more walkers. Crossing the River Ely, they joined Watkiss Way to the boardwalk on the western side of Cardiff Bay. Reaching the River Taff, they crossed Clarence Road Bridge and made their way along the embankment into Hamadryad Park before heading under the A4232 and into the Wetlands Wildlife Reserve towards St David's Hotel.

Reaching Mount Stuart Square for morning coffee, they headed along busy Mermaid Quay and walked past the Senedd, the Norwegian Church and the Scott memorial, across the Cardiff Bay Barrage which was heaving with youngsters on new Christmas bicycles and scooters.

From the Custom House, they crossed the lock gate at the Penarth Marina and made their way along the River Ely via John Batchelor Way to climb Marconi Avenue for the return along pavements to Cogan.

On January 4, meet at 10am at Dinas Powys Village Square for a 4.5-mile easy walk at Dinas Powys and St Andrews; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On January 5, catch the 9am train from Barry or 9.15am from Cogan to arrive at Radyr railway station at 9.40am for a five-mile easy walk taking in Radyr Woods and the Glamorgan Canal; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On January 10, the Shortish Strides morning walk will leave Colcot Sports Centre, Colcot Road Barry for a six-mile easy/moderate walk at Highlight, Dyffryn and Brynhill; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Joy Strangward

## Llandough woman reported missing

**DIPTI Dattani, 56, has been reported as missing from an address in the Llandough area; she was last seen on Monday, December 17.**

Officers looking for Ms Dattani are concerned for her welfare and want to hear from anyone who may have seen her.

She is around 5ft 4 and of medium

build. When last seen she was wearing teal and white coloured headscarf, two layers of clothing, a blue and white skirt and top and an orange and brown shawl and wearing wellington boots.

Anyone who may know of Ms Dattani's location or who may have seen her at any time since December 17 is asked to contact us via 101 quoting reference \*475328 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



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### ATODLEN 2

**Lleoliad:** Yr A48 o Gibbets Hill, y Bont-faen i'r lôn ddi-dden sy'n arwain at Eglwys St Brynach.

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The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order, the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

### SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour between the location specified in Schedule 2 below:

### SCHEDULE 2

**Location:** The A48 from Gibbets Hill Cowbridge to the un-named lane leading to St Brynach's Church.

**Reason:** The restriction is being implemented to allow new road improvement works to take place.

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**AFTER the recent wet weather, members of the Vale Ramblers group were happy to be out and about on Sunday for the final walk of 2018.**

Starting at St Brides Major after a gentle climb on to the top of Old Castle Down, we made our way to cross the clapper bridge in Cwm Alun, where the river was in full flow.

Crossing the railway line and heading down through Tingle Lane and woods to Ewenny, we enjoyed our lunch at the

Priory.

Our leaders Peter and Jean entering into the spirit of the season provided some mulled wine and stollen.

Up to this point we had been lucky with the weather, but as we made our way through Corntown after lunch, the rain started and stayed with us for the rest of the walk.

We were fortunate enough to be joined on this walk by Santa's little helpers, Ruth and Gwion. The post-walk drinks get-together was at Southerndown.

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## Vale Mayor's fund helps out community groups

**A TOTAL of seven organisations have received grants from the Vale Mayor's Foundation Grant Fund in time for**

**the New Year.**

The RNLI Barry Lifeboat, Tir a Môr District Scouts, Valeplus, Valeways, Ty Cadoc's Residents Association received £250 from the Mayor's grant fund. The National Coastwatch Association received £157.

**'Relief road needed as well as toll-free bridge'**

**THE abolition of tolls on the Severn bridges was universally welcomed, but a Vale-based company has pointed out more needs to be done to help businesses using the M4 corridor.**

Masons Moving Group regularly uses the Prince of Wales Bridge for journeys to southern regions of the UK and to Europe.

Director Brett Mason said: "The financial saving will be considerable. At least five of our vans a week go up and down the M4 and our European trucks come back that way about twice a week.

"We also have UK removals to and from the south or west of England. "As a company, we are happy to be making these savings but this is completely counteracted by the losses caused by congestion at the Brynglas tunnel which is still a massive problem."

He added: "Until a relief road happens around Newport, it is difficult to see congestion improving in the short term."

men and women in the neighbourhoods of Illtud and Dyfan, as well as Highlight Park. Our aim is to help raise community spirit, by getting rid of loneliness and spreading the word that support is out there for people."

The aim of the Mayor's Foundation Grant Fund is to offer grants to community groups, the voluntary sector and not-for-profit organisations towards the cost of initiatives in the Vale of Glamorgan that help to support the council's vision of 'strong communities with a bright future'.

Vale Mayor Cllr Leighton Rowlands said: "I am pleased to present these groups with grants from the Mayor's Foundation Grant Fund 2018/19. It is clear that the members of each organisation are hardworking people, dedicated to their cause.

"I believe that supporting community groups, the voluntary sector and not-for-profit organisations across the Vale is vital, and I am happy to support as many groups as possible, to ensure they continue to thrive."

The fund aims to provide funding of between £100 and £250. The specific funding available each financial year to be allocated is £5,000. For more information, or to apply for this funding, you can download the application form and guidance notes from the Vale website or email [TheMayor@valeof-glamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:TheMayor@valeof-glamorgan.gov.uk).



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# Bro Morgannwg's 'magical' Christmas concert in Penarth

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Members of the sixth form captivated the audience with their musical talents. Anni Davies and Begw Rowlands performed individually and enchanted the audience. Aled Misra, with his powerful voice sang a solo, with the choir behind him to end the spectacular concert. The primary school children also performed their teacher's original song.

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'Heno Carolau' to deafening applause.

Mr Hywel Price, head-teacher and presenter of the evening said: "The standard was outstanding. It is astonishing to see the professionalism of these pupils. They presented a beautiful concert, while many of them are also in the middle of preparing for exams!"

"All the performances were mesmerising. I would like to thank all the pupils for their commitment, but also the teachers, particularly the music and drama department, for their hard work preparing for this concert. This was an unforgettable concert."

A collection was made on the evening to raise money towards the church. The school would like to thank the church and Dafydd Jones for welcoming them, and also Euros Rhys Evans who played the organ on the evening. Nadolig Llawen i bawb!



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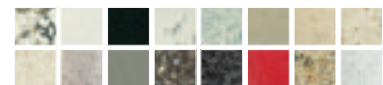
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The pieces, chosen from concerts, trips and conductors through the years, had all been resurrected and newly polished by Rosie Howarth, our current conductor and Alun John, who managed to fit in some rehearsals of the pieces he had chosen before the concert itself.

We welcomed back our popular tenor from our early days, Richard Allen. We all loved his rendition of 'Roses of Picardy', where the choir and audience quietly joined in the chorus. His career has gone from strength to strength and he is much in demand for his opera, oratorio

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We are grateful for the support from The National Lottery through the Arts Council of Wales and the Welsh Government, and Ty Cerdd.

Dominique Spearey

## 'Thank you to the Macmillan team for a great Christmas'



A mother of three who endured five months of cancer treatment last year has thanked the Macmillan team at Barry Hospital for its support over Christmas.

Bethan Close said she wanted the public to know about the vital role that charities play over the festive season. She explained: "In March 2018 I was diagnosed with a rare form of non-Hodgkin lymphoma. "I had four months of intense chemotherapy and three weeks of radiotherapy. I've now been in remission since October 24, 2018."

Despite the concerns over her health Bethan was determined that her children should enjoy a great Christmas and approached Macmillan Cancer Support for a helping hand. She explained: "I'm a single parent to three young children and taking the last 10 months off work has taken its toll financially, especially with Christmas around the corner."

"After approaching Sarah at my local Macmillan support team for financial help towards bills, she and her team went the extra mile to deliver extra Christmas presents for my children."

"My children have been so strong this last year and we forget about the charities that are around to help pick up the pieces after cancer."

"I want to thank everybody who contributed to make this Christmas just as special for us as any other year."

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ABOVE: Bethan and her children Matthew, Megan and Reuben had a wonderful Christmas thanks to the support of the Macmillan team at Barry Hospital.

## Temporary 30mph speed restriction at Cowbridge A48

A number of readers wrote to The GEM over Christmas curious as to a sign on the A48 advising that the speed limit will be restricted, in one section, to 30mph.

An email to the Vale Council from this newspaper elicited no response, but as readers may see on Page 8 of this week's paper, the reason is for road improvement works to be carried out on the stretch near the Clare Farm development from Gibbet's Hill to an unnamed lane leading to St Brynach's Church.

The notice states that the speed limit will come into force at one minute past midnight on Monday, January 14, 2019 to last for "...a maximum period of no more than 18 months".

## Golf and 'wellness' accolades for the Vale Resort Hotel

The Vale Resort in Hensol has been named Wales' best golf hotel and best resort spa for the second year running at the World Travel Awards - and has also earned itself a coveted place in the first edition of Lonely Planet's 'Wellness Escapes' book.

The four-star hotel and leisure venue was named Wales' Best Golf Hotel 2018 at the fifth annual World Golf Awards at La Manga Club, Spain. The Vale Spa was also named Wales' Best Resort Spa 2018 at the fourth annual World Spa Awards, held at the St Regis Maldives Vommuli resort in the southern Dhaalu Atoll. The resort won both titles in 2017, too.

Both ceremonies are organised by the World Travel Awards to recognise the best in travel and leisure, and have been described by the Wall Street Journal as the 'Oscars of the travel industry'. In both awards,

votes are cast by professionals working within each industry and by members of the public.

The Lonely Planet Wellness Escapes guide is a round-up of wellness holiday hotspots from around the world. Divided into five chapters, including Active, Calm, Healthy, Indulged and Inspired, the book features reviews of almost 200 leading destinations from across the globe - from yoga retreats in India to Buddhist meditation temples in Korea.

Stephanie Metson, marketing manager at the Vale Resort, said: "We are delighted to retain our titles from the World Travel Awards, which are regarded as a benchmark of quality in our industry - it's a credit to the entire team that we find ourselves celebrating double success again 12 months later."

"It's also truly humbling to be featured in a global list of the best places to experience

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# Out & About with The GEM

## This comedic take on Sherlock Holmes is an absolute stinker...

**WILL Ferrell and John C Reilly together have, thus far, equated to comedy gold. From Talladega Nights to Step Brothers (arguably Ferrell's last knockout offering), the pair have delivered the goods, so the news that they were teaming up to tackle Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson was one that, given their pedigree, should have been something of a slam dunk.**

In Holmes and Watson, Sherlock

(Ferrell) and his long-time companion Watson (Reilly) must act quickly after being warned that they have four days to solve a crime before the Queen is murdered and history rewritten. Complicating things somewhat is Dr Hart (Rebecca Hall) and her companion Millie (Lauren Lapkus), who steal the affections of the titular duo as time slowly starts to run out for the Queen – and Holmes' reputation...

Given that Christmas is usually a slow news time, the odd story may pop up about things that wouldn't normally be given the time of the day. This year's hot topic was the critical

mauling given to this film, with cinemagoers walking out and giving the film a less-than-favourable verdict.

Is the mass populace right? In this instance they are, for Holmes and Watson is a film that struggles along, failing to ever catch light, and, crucially, raises only the faintest of laughs if any at all.

Seeing Will Ferrell and John C Reilly back together on screen is a delight, but once this film kicks in, it becomes something more akin to a nightmare. The pair both struggle to get going and, all too often, the film lowers itself to puerile jokes that aren't even all that funny.



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The pair play to type – Ferrell's Holmes an egotistical buffoon while Reilly's Watson is unwavering in his admiration and prepared to do anything asked of him by the arrogant Holmes – and while both try gamely, they just can't deliver anything approaching amusing.

Personally, there was one huge laugh and a medium one that, sadly, says more for my childish sense of humour than it does the sophistication of the comedy on show, and for writer/director Etan Cohen, this

certainly isn't his finest hour.

The story is reductive and, given its race-against-time aspect, all too unhurried, while Cohen and (male) cast spend so much time delivering stupid, imbecilic gags that the female element (Rebecca Hall, Lauren Lapkus and Pam Ferris' Queen) get barely more than a look in, reduced to plot devices that aren't even used properly.

What also goes against the grain is that Holmes' idiocy and buffoonery are so barely disguised that anyone with vague intellect could realise the sort of person he is. However, that would hugely alter the character's place in the storytelling, so this element passes by without note.

Stylistically, Cohen goes for a mix between Guy Ritchie slow-mo and Cumberbatch-esque visual solutions, and it feels like a hackneyed mash up between the two. Even the additional dialogue, recorded after the film has been shot, is lazily inserted with several scenes seeing mouths moving to words they aren't even saying. It all adds up to a film

that is lazy, unfunny and a waste of time for all involved, most notably the cinemagoer. Even an avowed Ferrell fan such as myself, who can see the light in even the darkest of times (Get Hard, The Campaign) can't answer for this crime. Holmes and Watson is, quite aptly given its release date, a real turkey.

**VERDICT:** A huge misfire, Holmes and Watson fails to exercise its funny bone in a lumpen and mediocre offering. The cast try gamely but all too often overcompensate for the lack of humour in the script, and writer and director Etan Cohen delivers the film with such little zeal and fervour, that you wonder what the point of it was. Avoid at all costs.

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** Step Brothers (2008), Without A Clue (1988).

## Vale cinemas team up for new film events

**VALE Venues is an inventive new partnership between Film Hub Wales and 11 mixed arts centres and community cinemas across the Vale.**

The venues will work together to promote film screenings at all sites, giving rural audiences the best chance to find out what's happening in their town or village.

Coordinated by the Memo Arts Centre in Barry, the largest independent cinema in the Vale, the project will launch with a series of special ice-breaker film screenings across the cinema network in early 2019.

Vale Venues and the Memo will present a festival that celebrates film under the theme 'Discovery.' Spanning from summer to Christmas 2019, the film festival will be the first of its kind in the county. Venues involved in

the project also include Barn At West Farm, Colwinston Community Cinema, Cowbridge Big Screen, Dinas Powys Community Cinema, Llancarfan Community Cinema, Memo Arts Centre, Peterston Village Hall, Snowcat Cinema at Penarth Pier Pavilion, St Donats Arts Centre, Sully Community Cinema and Ystradowen Community and Sports Association.

Nicola Summer Smith from Creative Rural Communities, said: "We identified the social value of community cinemas for the Vale and helped support them in their early days. It's been great to see how these cinemas have developed to serve their own communities, and how new cinemas are still being formed."

For more information about Vale Venues screenings and venues, see their Facebook page or check the Barry Memo page.



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"The Cardiff show is now firmly established on the national scene and traders travel from as far away as the north east of England, East Anglia and Cornwall and also from much closer to home. The show is always fully booked with traders weeks prior to the actual event and indeed, this one is no exception."

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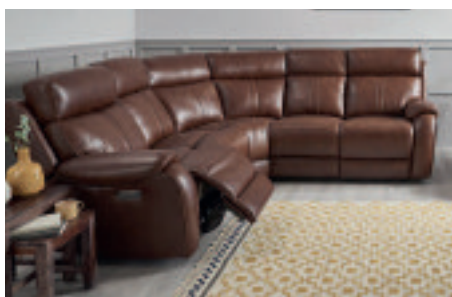
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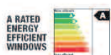
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# Everyone's a Tŷ Hafan winner at New Year's dip

**PEOPLE** turned out in huge numbers for the Tŷ Hafan Barry Island New Year's Day Dip.

The tradition is that those who take part need to run into the sea, dunk under three times and run out, and then repeat twice more. Not everyone achieved that, but Tŷ Hafan said simply entering the water was enough.

Local photographer Andy Wicks was on hand to capture the key moments of the day.

IMAGES by ANDY WICKS



## Chilling out at Whitmore Bay!



**WHITMORE** Bay Surf Life Saving Club's Boxing Day dip took place in overcast conditions. Despite the cold, club members raced down the beach to embrace the chilly waters.

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## Penarth-based seafaring charity thanks its volunteers



Some of the Challenge Wales volunteers celebrating a successful 2018.

## Can you give a Home From Home?



Amanda Tidmarsh with Becky the Labrador and Bella the Yorkie

**DOGS Trust's Home From Home scheme launched in 2015 and finds foster homes for dogs that need a little extra TLC and time out from the hustle and bustle of the rehoming centre, such as young puppies, older dogs and those who have lived in a home all their life.**

Foster carer, Amanda Tidmarsh, who lives in Brynna, has fostered nine dogs since the summer, including Becky the Labrador and currently Bella the Yorkie, which have been resident at

Dogs Trust Bridgend. Amanda said: "Being a foster carer is so rewarding; seeing the change in the dog as they settle into a home environment and their little personalities shine through is amazing." Zebb is another foster dog looking for a home. He is a one-year-old Collie with a huge heart who can live with children aged six and older and gets on well with other dogs, so could share his home with a canine friend. For more information, visit [www.dogstrust.org.uk](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk).

**LOCAL charity Challenge Wales thanked its amazing volunteers for their continued support at a festive volunteers' evening at the Crepe Escape restaurant in Penarth.**

During the evening, Vicky Williams, trustee of Challenge Wales, shared many successful moments with volunteers.

These included the launch of a north Wales sail training programme on its second vessel *Adventure Wales*, the launch at the Volvo Ocean Race Stopover event with Skipper Dee Caffari of an accredited environmental project focusing on marine litter, and representing Wales and the UK at the Tall Ships Races overseas, crewed by young people from a variety of backgrounds.

In 2018, Challenge Wales volunteers donated thousands of hours of their time to work with young people on its two vessels: *Challenge Wales/Wales' Tall Ship* and *Adventure Wales*.

Volunteers worked with the young people through accredited onboard learning activities, overseas,

regional and local adventures enabling all abilities to develop and improve their employability skills.

Over the year, the charity had worked with young people who were in the care system, had learning disabilities, were looking to enhance their CV, were at risk of being homeless, undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh's Award, had an unemployed parent/guardian, were recovering from substance misuse or suffering other disadvantage in their lives; many of which were supported by the charity's bursary scheme or fundraising activities.

Vicky said: "It's great that we have achieved so much this year, particularly with it being the Year of the Sea. Without our volunteers we wouldn't be the charity we are today."

Although many of the volunteers help on board *Challenge Wales* and *Adventure Wales*, the evening was an opportunity for trustees to thank all volunteers including those shore-side and behind the scenes who help with fundraising, maintenance and raising awareness of the charity.

## Skills-based immigration system that ends free movement welcomed

**ALUN Cairns, Member of Parliament for the Vale, has welcomed the Government's plan for a new single, skills-based immigration system, which marks the end of free movement once and for all.**

A spokesperson said: "The system will be built around what people can contribute, rather than where they come from. For the first time in decades, the UK will have full control over who comes here, with everyone needing permission before they arrive."

"This will enable employers in the Vale of Glamorgan to have access to the skills they need from around the world, while ensuring net migration is reduced to sustainable levels."

There will be a new visa route for skilled workers, no cap for professions such as doctors and engineers and no limit on the number of international students coming to our world class universities – who will be able to stay for up to 12 months after graduation to find employment.

Mr Cairns said: "During the General Election, people in Barry and the rural Vale told me on the doorstep that they voted to take back control of our borders, and that is exactly what the future system will allow us to do."

"We will welcome talented and hardworking people who can support our economy, while bringing immigration down to sustainable levels and making sure we are training people up here in the Vale."

"For the first time in decades, we will have full control over who comes here."

Home Secretary Sajid Javid added: "We are delivering on the clear instruction to get control over our borders and will bring in a new system that works in the interest of the British people."

"It will be a single, skills-based immigration system built around the talent and expertise people can bring, rather where they come from – maximising the benefits of immigration and demonstrating the UK is open for business."

## Screen Talk's top 10 films of 2018

**IT'S that time of year again as Screen Talk wraps up cinematic 2018 in a tidy bow and presents its top 10 films of the year.**

It was a good year for film overall, so distilling the essence of the last 12 months has been nothing if not a fraught affair. After blood, sweat and tears, here are the 10 films that shone brightest in 2018.

**10. *The Shape of Water*:** Guillermo Del Toro's love letter to B-movies, the 2018 Best Picture Oscar winner was more than just the surface of a woman falling in love with a strange creature from the deep. Beneath it lay themes of connection, acceptance and so much more, the director artfully creating something beautiful and moving.

**9. *BlacKkKlansman*:** Spike Lee's most charged, funny and politically astute film in a good long while, *BlacKkKlansman* was propelled by John Gordon Washington's superb lead performance as an African American detective who, with the help of his white colleague (well portrayed by Adam Driver), infiltrates the Ku Klux Klan in the 1970s. That its a true story in incredible enough, but Lee adds weight and fire to the inherent comedy to make a wondrous piece of work.

**8. *Avengers: Infinity War*:** The culmination of 20 Marvel films, *Infinity War* was undoubtedly the largest-scale operation in history, attempting to shoehorn in countless characters, story strands and plot points into a 150-minute film. That writers/directors the Russo brothers achieved this with aplomb is a testament to their skills, but this was a film where the stakes were never higher, where we said farewell to characters and where we were left waiting impatiently to see how things will turn out in 2019's *Avengers: Endgame*. An incredible triumph of filmmaking, both within the comic book genre and in the wider cinematic world.

**7. *Tully*:** Jason Reitman's return to form saw Charlize Theron portray a new mum, Marlo, whose struggle to keep her head above water sees the introduction of the titular night nanny. Tully's zest for life sees Marlo's life change considerably, and as the pair become fast friends that's when things start falling apart in a beautifully-portrayed film about the struggles of motherhood and the way live the lives we lead. Reitman and Theron, teaming up for a third time, were both in fine fettle here.

**6. *Phantom Thread*:** Perhaps overshadowed a little by Daniel Day-Lewis' announcement that this would be his last big-screen role (for now), Paul Thomas Anderson's captivating and engaging study of infatuation and

love, set against the austere backdrop of London's fashion houses in the mid-1950s, was a film that was precision-built to get under your skin. The performances across the board were superb, and yet again highlighted how supreme a talent Anderson is.

**5. *You Were Never Really Here*:** Lynne Ramsey's unflinching story of a veteran tracking down missing girls was as joyful as it sounds; however, this was cinema that dared you to look away, its central turn by Joaquin Phoenix as Joe chilling and exceptional. Featuring one of the best set-pieces of the year, as Joe lays siege to those holding a girl captive using only a hammer, show through the soundless buzz of CCTV cameras, Ramsey's film was provocative and vital.

**4. *First Man*:** Damien Chazelle's sombre depiction of the race to the moon, told through the eyes of Neil Armstrong (played with restraint and subtlety by Ryan Gosling) was visually incredible, a mix of hand-held close up and majestic shots of the moon that added up to a slowly-paced, but never less than compelling film. Claire Foy's understated turn as Armstrong's wife was another quiet delight in a film full of them, a story of dedication and herculean effort.

**3. *American Animals*:** Bart Layton's retelling of a group of young men who undertake a heist on a college library to steal and sell a rare book of paintings was given a jolt of electricity by his decision to cut between documentary talking heads of the real people involved and a dramatised version of events. No case of style over substance, Layton's film held a mirror up to today's society of 'want it, get it' and told a cautionary tale.

**2. *Sorry To Bother You*:** Boots Riley is better known as a musician and an activist, but thanks to this film, the term writer/director will be added to that list. A story of telemarketer Cassius (Lakeith Stanfield) who is told that to get ahead he should use his 'white voice' becomes a film that takes aim at many targets, and gets a direct hit with each one. The performances are excellent, and the film's lurch into dark, absurdist comedy is pitch-perfect.

**1. *A Quiet Place*:** Pegged as just another schlocky take on the horror genre, *A Quiet Place* was the year's biggest sensation, and an incredible breakout for writer/director/lead (along with his wife Emily Blunt) John Krasinski. Set in a world where creatures hunt humans using sound, the clever concept gave way to a film that delivered jump scares and emotion gut punches in equal measure, and takes the idea to far grander levels than you could think possible.

Gareth Jamieson

## College's top accolade

**CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC) has become the first further education institution in Wales to be named a Showcase College by Microsoft.**

Microsoft Showcase Colleges use the latest technologies to enhance learning and drive digital change among staff and students alike. As a Showcase College, CAVC will deliver personalised learning for students through the use of individual devices for each student. CAVC will also share ideas with other Showcase Colleges and host educational events designed to inspire young people about the potential technology has to transform their career potential.

Earlier this year, CAVC also opened its makerspace, [develop]p]. The makerspace is designed to address the digital skills gap facing

employers by boosting learners' skills in science, technology, engineering, the arts and maths (STEAM).

Cardiff and Vale College E-learning manager Hannah Mathias said: "It's a great achievement for CAVC to receive this award as it demonstrates how far we have come over the last two years. Microsoft has been very supportive and has helped the college to achieve its digital transformation vision."

CAVC principal Kay Martin said: "Cardiff and Vale College's mission is to be a leading educational business, delivering high quality education and training, outstanding results, skilled and employable people, excellent customer service, innovative business growth and continued investment that supports prosperous communities and a thriving economy."

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# Milestone AGM for the Rhoose Lifeguards



**RHOOSE Lifeguards recently held their 50th AGM at Fontygary Leisure Complex, combined with their annual award presentation evening and club Christmas party.**

The evening opened with the AGM, voting in new officers for the 2018/19 season.

The club had a very successful 217/18 season and club chair Denise Cooper thanked all officers and members for the hard work, dedication and commitment they had put in over the last year, contributing to the success and the wonderful family atmosphere that has been created, taking the club from strength to strength.

Awards were presented to the following:

Nipper Awards: Most Improved Boy – Joel Hicks; Most Improved Girl – Elliana Phillips; Best Team Spirit – Robert Grice and Jessica Hole; Nippers Nipper – James Ashman; Overall Nipper – Xantia Hobrough.

Many of the Nippers gained Level 2 and Level 3 Surf Competency Awards and were presented with a certificate of achievement. More than 24 Nippers were awarded 'The Outstanding Achievement Award', which is presented to Nippers who compete in every individual event at all competitions throughout the year. Well done to all those who received this award.

Junior Awards: First Year Junior – Xantia Hobrough; Most Improved Paddler – Petros Grigoriou; Junior of the Year – Evie Wong; Skills

and Technique – Kiera Harris.

Certificates were also presented to a number of Juniors, Seniors and Masters for gaining their Level 1 and Level 2 Beach Lifesaver Awards, NVBLQ Lifeguard Award, Masters Competition Awards and Surf Ski Competency.

Lifeguard of the Year went to Leighton Dutton and Sian Laycock for their hard work and commitment throughout the year.

The Margaret Cooper Trophy was presented to Norman and Amanda Lane for all their help with ski training.

The Sarah Thompson Beach Aggregate Award went to Evie Wong.

The Fonygary Pool Aggregate Award was presented to Sian Laycock.

The Toudie Cup Award (for the club handicapped swim) went to Ollie Wong for the Open and Xantia Hobrough for Nippers.

The Kevin Rowland Trophy, for most points accumulated in competitions throughout the year, was presented to Karen O'Donoghue-Harris.

Club captain Dave Cooper congratulated all those who won awards and certificates and thanked everyone who raced, coached and supported the club throughout the season, contributing to the club's success.

The evening concluded with a raffle, disco and buffet and the club wishes to thank all those who donated prizes and bought tickets.

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## Venus lower than Uranus in January

**THE Milky Way is above us, stretching from the north-western horizon to the south-eastern horizon.**

This month, the winter constellations put on a great show with lots of bright stars vying for attention. The three main constellations overhead are Perseus, Cassiopeia and Auriga, yet eyes are drawn to the south-eastern portion of our sky, as this is where we find Taurus with its two prominent open clusters the Hyades and the Pleiades visible to the naked eye.

Observers can also find another object – the Crab Nebula; it requires a telescope and is a supernova. When viewed through small telescopes, it just appears as a small fuzzy cloud, and one could be forgiven for thinking, "Is that it?"

The name 'crab' refers to how the nebula looks when photographed using large telescopes. A supernova is produced by a star much larger than our Sun, in this case about 12 times its mass, that explodes. The nebula we see is the result of that explosion. We think the gas is expanding at a speed around 1,000 km/s and its current diameter is about 10 light years across.

Even though it is some 6,000 light years away, it was recorded by Chinese astronomers in AD 1054, and was visible during daylight hours for a period of several weeks.

The star has not been completely obliterated and what is left of the original object is something called a neutron star. Due to the explosion, it is

now spinning about 30 times a second. As it spins, it produces beams of light from its poles and these are the 'pulses' detected by astronomers. This pulsar may be some 30-odd kilometres across.

This month we will see the first of the main meteor showers. The Quadrantids peak in the early hours of January 4 and can produce 100 shooting stars an hour. The radiant lies below the tail of the Plough, so turn your back on this part of the sky, sit or lie down, wrap up warm and watch the show.

In the early hours of January 21 we have a total eclipse of the Moon. If you are still awake at 0330 GMT you will be in time for the best bit at 0440 GMT the Moon will enter the darkest part of the Earth's shadow and totality begins and this phase ends at 0543 GMT. Look out during the total phase and see what colour the Moon is; orange, red or brown, or perhaps a mixture of all three.

On the mornings of January 1 and 2, the Moon appeared to be close to the planet Venus. On the evening of January 14, it lies below the planet Uranus; on January 17, it will be in the constellation of Taurus near to the Hyades star cluster. On January 20, it will lie below the bright star Pollux in the constellation of Gemini.

If you go out to observe and think about how cold it is this month, remember on January 3, the Earth is closest to the Sun!

Visit [www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com](http://www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com) for details.  
**Dave Powell, Barry Astronomical Society**

## Birthday surprise for Basil

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing & Hedging Society held a surprise birthday party for one of its founder members, Basil George, on his 90th birthday at the Six Bells, Penmark, recently.**

Society members, friends and family gathered for the occasion and enjoyed a buffet meal in the company of good friends.

The photograph shows the founding members of the Society: Back row (left to right) Jeremy Jacob, John Thomas, Julian Radcliffe and Edward Thomas; front row (left to right) Andrew Studley, Basil George, David James and Rhys Morgan.



## England for the Vale

**I AM concerned by the words of Ross England's spokesperson (and thus Mr England's words).**

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Westminster. Who's in Government at Westminster? The Tories.

Do they blame the WAG for the underfunding of services in Wales? Yes.

You wouldn't hear a peep out of them if the Tories controlled the WAG.

The Tories, in their single-minded pursuit [GEM note: it was a Tory-Lib coalition from 2010-15] of austerity, have savagely reduced funding to a widespread number of organisations across the UK. Austerity has been shown not to work, by many reputable economists worldwide.

Austerity is a political choice, not an economic reason. The Tories apparently don't understand the word 'irony'.

Tim Jefferson, Llantwit Major.

## What's on, and where...

**Councillor's surgery**

**CONSERVATIVE councillor Carolyn Webster is holding a surgery for residents of the Newcastle ward, Bridgend on Saturday, January 5, between 10am and 12pm in the library at Halo Recreation Centre (The Rec), Bridgend. No appointment is necessary.**

CLR Webster said: "If any resident would like to discuss any matter which they think I might be able

to help them with and this time is inconvenient, I can also be contacted on 07743574786 or by email on [clr.carolyn.webster@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:clr.carolyn.webster@bridgend.gov.uk)."

**Friends of the Earth meeting**

**THE next meeting of Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth will be on Tuesday, January 8, at 7.30pm in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry, because the first Tuesday in the month was New Year's Day.**

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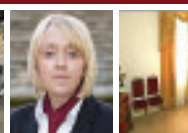
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Peacefully on the 24th December 2018, Michael passed away at Cheltenham General Hospital. Loved son of Rosemary and Trevor; and partner of Cathi.

*He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.*

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Friday, 11th January 2019 at 10am. Flowers and donations welcomed in Michael's memory. Donations can be sent to the Leukaemia and Intensive Chemotherapy Fund, The LINC Office, Haematology Department, Cheltenham General Hospital, Sandford Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7AN.

**GUEST****Barbara Elizabeth**

Peacefully on 16th December 2018, Barbara passed away at Morriston Hospital. Much loved mother of Simon, Andrew, Hugh and Hilary; and affectionate mother-in-law to Anna, Kate and Ruth. Loving grandma to Rhian, Lowri and Eleri; Isabella and Lara; Lucy and Rosie; and great grandmother to Barney and Albie.

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Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Tuesday, 15th January 2019 at 1.15pm. Family flowers only, donations in Barbara's memory welcomed to the NSPCC, Weston House, 42 Curtain Road, London, EC2A 3NH.

**JENKINS****Elizabeth (Libby)**  
*(née Davies)*

Peacefully on 24th December 2018, Libby, beloved wife of Dave. Much loved mum of Julie and Deborah, adored nan and great nan. Libby will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Thursday, 10th January 2019 at 2pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Flowers may be sent or donations in lieu, if so desired, for Cancer Research UK c/o the funeral director.

**EVANS**  
**Allan**

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*Allan will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service in our Chapel of Rest on Monday, 14th January at 11.30am, followed by an interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations can be made in memory of Allan to The R.N.L.I at the Service.

**CLOSE****Kenneth Thomas**

Peacefully on 24th December at Springbank Care Home, Barry, Kenneth sadly passed away. Beloved husband of the late Betty and much loved dad of Diane and Ian, Ray and Carol and their families.

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Family floral tributes only please.

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**ST CLAIR**  
**Iris Maureen**

Passed away on 23rd December 2018, aged 90. Much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

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**VOSS**  
**Jean**

Peacefully in her sleep on 17th December 2018 in the Hazlehurst Nursing Home, Penarth, aged 93. Wife and partner of Vic for over 60 years. Fond mother of Roy, Shane and Ingrid. Loving Granny to Maddy, Jake, Toby, Bryn, and Nye. Much loved by all the wider family.

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All welcome (whether or not attending Crematorium and including children).

**MASON****Esme Rosemary (née Dawe)**

Suddenly on 20th December 2018 at Llandough Hospital, Esme, aged 80 years. Beloved wife of the late Eric much loved mum of Gordon, Brett, Sarah and Richard. A loved mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother.

*Esme will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Wednesday, 9th January 2019 at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 2pm.

Flowers may be sent or donations in lieu, if so desired, for The Removers Benevolent Association (RBA) c/o the Funeral director.

**WHITAKER****Jennie (née Morris)**

After a short illness on 23rd December 2018, aged 89 years at Llandough Hospital. Loving wife to Brian, dear mum to Anne and Rose, fond mother-in-law to Martin.

*Jennie will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at All Saints' Church, Barry on Friday, 18th January at 1pm, followed by a committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium.

Flowers may be sent directly to the funeral home or donations in memory of Jennie may be made Directly to Macular Society, PO Box 1870, Andover, SP10 9AD.

**HIGGS**  
**Derek**

Peacefully on Wednesday, 26th December after a long illness at his home in Cowbridge, aged 88 years. Beloved husband of Pamela, father to Chris, Phil and Mike, father-in-law to Andrea, Cheryl and Sue. Grandfather to Andrew, Robert, Nick, Bethan and Megan. Derek will be sadly missed by all.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday, 10th January 2019, service and cremation 2pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. The family request no flowers or black ties to be worn, donations if desired, to the Air Ambulance c/o the funeral director.

**BRIGGS****Norma Margaret**

Peacefully on 18th December, aged 93 years. Loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

*Will be sadly missed by all who knew her.*

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, 8th January, service 1.15pm at St Curig's Church, Porthkerry, followed by interment at Porthkerry Cemetery.

No flowers by request.

**JAMES****Thomas (Tom)**

Peacefully passed away on 25th December at Holme Towers, aged 72. Much loved husband of Lynne and much loved dad to Simon and Stuart. Very much loved grandad and great grandad.

Funeral service on 4th January 2019 at 1pm at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium Port Road East, Barry. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu to Holme Towers. Please wear bright colours.

**McKANE**  
**Gerrard**

It is with a broken heart the family announce the passing of Ged. A beloved husband and soul mate to wife Carol, who passed quietly away on the 19th December 2018, with his loving wife Carol (babe), nephew Don, niece Wendy and family at his side at Princess of Wales Hospital.

*He will be sadly missed by Terry, Angie and Ged's loving family and friends at home and in Liverpool.*

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Monday, 14th January 2019 at 1.15pm.

The family asks that the congregation wear their football shirts to the service in Ged's memory.

**GARDINER****Dilys May**

Dilys sadly but peacefully passed away on 15th December 2018. Beloved wife of the late Cecil, loving mother of Malcolm, mother in law of Sue and grandmother of Kelly and Zak.

*She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.*

Funeral service to be held on Thursday, 10th January 2019 at St. Brides Church, St. Brides-Super-Ely at 12 noon, followed by interment in the churchyard. Flowers are welcomed and can be sent to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE.

**LEWIS****Allen**

After an illness bravely borne on 28th December 2018, aged 75 years. Loving husband to Sandra, amazing dad to Denise and Jane. Cherished grandad and gang-gang to all his grandchildren.

*Allen will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service in our Chapel of Rest on Monday, 14th January at 3pm, followed by a committal service in Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations may be made in memory of Allen in favour of Marie Curie Cancer Care at the service.

## Acknowledgements

**FARMER****Eric John**

The family would like to thank everyone for their condolences, attendance at dad's funeral and the generous donations to the Kidney Wales Foundation.

**WATKINS****Catherine****(née Rowlands) B.E.M**

The family of Cath would like to thank all family and friends for their messages, kind donations and their presence at the celebration of Cath's life which was very much appreciated.

Thanks to Bethel Church, Rhosce. Special thanks to W. James & Sons Funeral Directors and Eryl Surgery for their continued health care. Also the staff on Ward C1 at UHW.

Thanks to John Durbin, Celebrant, who carried out a most fitting service. A big thank you to Jane Hutt for your lovely words at the funeral. Thank you so much to Jamie Bagnall and Ryan for everything they have done. Thanks to Karen, Joanne and Sam for serving behind the bar.

Cath's family would like to say how proud they are of her for receiving a B.E.M. in the Queen's New Year's Honours List.

## In Memory

**IN MEMORY****GUTHRIE****Yvonne**

6th January 2018

On 6th January you passed away, it broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day that God called you home.

*Miss you darling, your husband Malcolm, daughters Deborah and Susan and all the grandchildren and great granddaughter Darcie, who looks to the stars for Nannie G xxx*

## In Memory

**BURGE**  
**Grace**

'I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight.'

A year has passed without you, though we still feel you with us, we miss you every day.

Love always x

**ROWLANDS****Cathy B.E.M**

02/01/1975 - 11/12/2018

On 2nd January you should be celebrating your 44th birthday with us. Sadly we can only celebrate with your spirit. Have a lovely birthday our angel.

All our love always and forever.

Mum and Dad, Chlo, Sam, Josh, Jake and Matty, Helen and family, Sian and family xxx

**LEWIS****Gwilym Wynne**

Treasured memories of Wynne who passed away on 3rd January 2003. Loving husband of Colleen, devoted father of Wynne and Michele, ever remembered bampy and father-in-law.

*Always loved and forever in our thoughts.*

## Acknowledgements

**Peggie Merrett**

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# Hardy souls brave the Ty Hafan New Year's dip

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# On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

**THE Coral Welsh Grand National at Chepstow on Thursday, December 27, was won by the 3-1 favourite *Elegant Escape* but the loudest cheers of the day came in the previous race, The 'Smart Money's On Coral' Handicap Hurdle when Llancarfan's Isabel Williams, aged 21, riding her mother Catherine's six-year-old French-bred *Virginia Chick* held on by half-a-length to beat the favourite *Truckers Lodge*, ridden by *Pembrokeshire's* Lorcan Williams.**

Isabel, the reigning Welsh champion point-to-point rider, who was chalking-up her eighth winter under Rules said: "That went really well for us. He's a lovely horse and I could hear the crowd cheering once I jumped the last. It was just great to be here today."

She added: "I've only managed to win a few point-to-point in my mum's colours so it was nice to get this one."

Her sister Ellie led up the horse so it was a real family occasion, especially as her grandmother Mary Evans, a former leading rider between-the-flags, was also present. Like her son Evan, Mary, as Mary Williams, has also ridden at Chepstow Racecourse.

Isabel's mother Catherine trains the point-to-pointers that Isabel rides but *Virginia Chick* is trained by her father Evan Williams, who said: "I don't know what to say without making a fool of

myself. I'm delighted, over the moon in fact, and I'm lucky to be in a position to give her rides on horses which suit her. But I can't tell you how hard she really works in the yard."

*Virginia Chick* was the second winner of the day for Evan as he had won the opening The Get Super Smart Boosts At Coral Maiden Hurdle with *Present Value* a 13-2 chance, who ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge came home seven lengths ahead of *Hill Sixteen*.

On Boxing Day, at Market Rasen, Evan's *Cesar Collonges* a 7-1 chance, with Wedge in the saddle beat the odds-on *Sir Egbert* while at Wincanton James Bowen, riding *Potters Corner* for Ogmores Christian Williams, came in at odds of 18-1.

It was at this meeting that Lorcan Williams landed a double for Paul Nicholls with *Posh Trish* and *Flic Ou Yoyo*.

Another Welsh trainer to saddle a winner over the Christmas holiday was Bridgend's John Flint, who at Kempton Park last Thursday saw his *Eddiemaurice*, a 9-1 shot partnered by Nick Scholfield, win the closing handicap hurdle at odds of 9-1.

Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft's good start to the new point-to-point season came to a halt at the Carmarthenshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases held at Ffos Las Racecourse on Saturday, December 22.

In the mares and fillies race he pulled up on *Inner Loop*; in the open maiden race his mount *Dino Boy* was a last fence faller, then on *Union Jack D'Ycy* in the Timico Open race he finished an 18 lengths runner-up to *Bally River Boy*.

He then pulled-up his mount *Shes A Gangster* in the restricted and then finished third on *Kensington Hill* behind *TheGirlFromMilan* and *Blazing Tom* in the Conditions race.

The man in form at the meeting was Bradley Gibbs as he won the Mares Maiden race on *Highway Jewell*, the Restricted Open on Captain McGinley and the Conditions race on *TheGirlFromMilan*.

*Highway Jewell*, a four-year-old chesnut filly the youngest of the seven starters, finished alone after the early leader *Jemma's Gift* had refused. *Jemma's Gift's* partner, the leading amateur rider Gina Andrews, apparently earned the wrath of the stewards and was fined £150 for not pulling up a beaten and tired horse.

His second winner came when the odds-on *Captain McGinley* ploughed through the heavy ground to come home a distance ahead of *Honourable Henry* in the four-runner Restricted.

In the Conditions Race, the odds-on *TheGirlFromMilan*, handy throughout, won by 10 lengths from *Blazing Tom* after surviving a last fence blunder.

Winning trainer David Gibbs, Bradley's father,

who owing to work missed seeing the first of his son's wins, said: "I've trained a lot of no-hopers in my time but its now nice to have some good horses to work with."

## TIMICO MIXED OPEN RACE

**THE Timico Mixed Open race went to the Cotswold Vale invader *Bally River Boy*, a seven-year-old chesnut gelding who under James King, 23, won by 18 lengths from the Byron Moorcroft-partnered *Union Jack D'Ycy*.**

Bradley Gibbs' mount *Moral Hazard* the 5-4 favourite finished a further 10 lengths away in third spot.

Winning trainer Jake Slatter, who was full of praise for the organisers in staging the meeting under difficult conditions, said: "*Bally River Boy* can be a bit quirky at times and has been known to drop me."

Winning rider King, who has ridden around 70 winners, said: "He's a lovely horse he did a grand job and he's just super."

The closest finish of the day came in the opening Carmarthenshire Hunt Members' race in which the eight-year-old *Manhattan Mead* got home by a neck from the favourite *Hospital* with *Jack The Hat* a further half-a-length away in third place.

However, *Hospital's* owner/rider Elen Nicholas failed to weigh-in and was fined £60.

*Manhattan Mead* is owned by Gwyn Phillips and Paul Hamer, who also trains the horse and was ridden by Ben Jones, the son of Dai Jones MFH of the Carmarthenshire Hunt and who like the winning trainer Hamer is a former Welsh champion point-to-point rider.

Ben, aged 19, was chalking up his 20th success and the odds are that we should be hearing more about this talented young rider in the future.

There were 11 starters for the Open Maiden Race For Horses And Geldings and this went to the Mickey Bowen-trained *Hidden Cargo* who, under Hereford-born Peter Bryan, beat the Llangefnog Hunt-qualified *Guiding Stars*, partnered by Sean Quinlan.

Mickey, whose younger brother James later in the day won the Garrad Silver Cup Handicap Chase at Ascot on the 33-1 outsider *Valtor* for Nicky Henderson, said of the Irish-bred *Hidden Cargo*: "He's an open horse running in a maiden. We will probably aim him at an hunter chase here next year or the Dunraven Bowl at Chepstow in April."

Six horses faced the starter for the Four, Five and Six Year Olds JRL Group Flat Race over two miles and this was won by 10-1 chance *Dr Kananga*, who under Gloucestershire's Danny Burton won by six lengths from the odds-on *Geordie* ridden by Peter Bryan.

*Dr Kananga* is owned by Ben Clarke and is qualified with the Seavington Hunt.

## FROM FIRST TO LAST

**SPARE a thought for Bridgend trainer John Flint and his amateur rider Imogen Mathias who was having her first ride in the Amateur Riders Handicap at Chelmsford on December 20.**

Imogen, riding Flint's *Winklemann*, an 8-1 chance, passed the winning post an easy six lengths 'winner' ahead of 40-1 chance *Holy Tiber*. However, following an objection by the clerk of the scales when Imogen weighed in her mount was placed last!

During the finish of the race, her weight cloth slipped and she lost some of her lead weights which meant after weighing out at the correct weight of 10st, 10lbs, she weighed in at just 8st, 10lb.

An understanding Mr Flint said: "It's a bit unfortunate as that was her first ride. I have seen this sort of thing happen in jump racing but seldom on the flat."

## EVAN'S TAUNTON WINNER

**RAILWAY Junkie ended the year in fine style for Llancarfan's Evan Williams and stable jockey Adam Wedge when landing the Age UK Somerset Handicap Chase at Taunton on Sunday, December 30.**

The five-year-old won easily by two and three quarter lengths from *Broughtons Rhythm*.

Earlier in the day, Williams had seen his previous winner *Gwalia* beaten by three parts of a length by *Beltor*, ridden by TJ O'Brien, and a 5-1 chance. *Beltor*, racing for the first time in nearly two years, is trained by former point-to-point rider Robert Stephens at Chepstow.

## CHRISTIAN'S GOOD START

**TO THE YEAR**  
**OGMORE by Sea's Christian Williams, who was at one time Evan Williams' assistant trainer, got off to a good start to 2019 when both the horses he sent to Fakenham won their respective races.**

First off the mark was eight-year-old *Sideways* who, under amateur rider Tom O'Brien, landed the Norfolk's Finest Drinkers Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase when coming home five lengths ahead of the bottom-weighted *Stonebrigg Legend*.

Then, later in the day, five-year-old *StrickyAdancer*, ridden by David England, took the Sky Sports Racing Now Live Handicap Hurdle by two-and-a-half lengths from recent winner *Todd*.

The former went off the 11-4 favourite and the latter was returned at odds of 9-2.

## Bridgend Bridge Club news

**THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:**

On Wednesday, December 19: First, John Evans and Steve Burgoyne; second, Gareth Jenkins and Mike Williams; third Norma and David Newman. The winners on handicap were Gareth Jenkins and Mike Williams.

On Thursday, December 20: First, Glyn Williams and Joan Ralph; second, Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks; third David Newman and Mike Williams. The winners on handicap were Glyn Williams and Joan Ralph.

On Friday, December 21: First, Glyn Williams and John Beard; second, Irene Thomas and Marjorie Morris; third, Colin and Hazel Heard. The winners on handicap were Glyn Williams and John Beard.

On Friday, December 28: First, Keith Davison

and Irene Thomas; second, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; third, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham. The winners on handicap were Keith Davison and Irene Thomas.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Noltan Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Noltan Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

GJ

## Seniors still battling against the elements!

**THE persistent wet weather continued to disrupt St Mary's Golf Club's senior section's schedule over the Christmas season.**

Nevertheless, the hardest of their members managed to get in a couple of team Stableford competitions over a reduced course of just 12 holes. The first of these was played in a four-ball format with the best three of the four scores recorded at each hole. Despite heavy overnight rain the course remained

playable with plenty of pace on the greens.

With 62 points, Roger Hatton, Fred Furby, Eddie Fothergill and Section Chairman, Gordon Martin, claimed the victory.

In their second competition of the week, this one played in three balls with the better of two scores counting, Martin once again helped amass a winning score of 54 points, supported on this occasion by Owen Maund and Graham Jones.

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## Mark Wallace takes up post as Glamorgan's new director of cricket

**FORMER Glamorgan captain Mark Wallace has been appointed as the club's new director of cricket.**

The 37-year-old will succeed Hugh Morris, who left the role to concentrate on his position as chief executive at the club.

Wallace, who has worked for the Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA) since retiring following the 2016 season will start his new role on 1st February 2019.

The wicketkeeper batsman spent 18 years in the first team and captained Glamorgan from 2013 to 2015, playing 264 first-class games. During his career he amassed 15,429 runs over all forms including 17 centuries and took 944 catches.

He was elected as the PCA's chairman in 2013 and was re-appointed to serve a second two-year term before taking up a permanent position with the organisation after his retirement as a player.

Wallace is also an

ECB Level 4 qualified coach, has a Master's Degree in Sport, Culture and Society from Cardiff Metropolitan University and has worked in both written and broadcast media.

Mark said: "I'm delighted to have been given the opportunity to come back to Glamorgan and I'm looking forward to working with a young squad of players and alongside a talented coaching team."

"However, it won't just be a question of working closely with the first team. We need to ensure we maximise all our resources and that means improving Welsh cricket in general and developing closer relationships with the clubs and Cardiff MCCU."

"I'm extremely grateful to the PCA for everything they've done

for me and the past two years has been a brilliant learning experience within a high quality organisation."

"Having spent a few years outside of Glamorgan, I believe I can come into the club with new ideas and a fresh perspective to lead the club in the right direction."

Glamorgan chairman, Gareth Williams, said: "Mark was the standout candidate for the position following a rigorous recruitment process which brought interest from around the globe."

"We were looking for someone who could lead cricket activities, recruitment, contracts, players and our development programmes, and also work closely with local clubs and universities and he ticked all those boxes."

"He has an in-depth knowledge of both the club and professional game in Wales and the culture within Glamorgan having spent years here as a player and captain."

"Through his work with the PCA he has gained experience outside Glamorgan and developed positive relationships with players and coaches across the country."

"He is a fantastic communicator as shown by his time here as captain and his broadcast work and he is a passionate Welshman who has always had the best interests of the club at heart."

"We're very confident he will drive Glamorgan forward and help bring success to the club both on and off the pitch."

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## Rugby League trials this month

**WALES Rugby League will be holding two trials for their Student international side that will compete in the Student Four Nations Championships in Scotland this summer.**

The first trial will be at the official WRL training base of Deeside Leisure Centre on Sunday, January 20 from 10.30am, then a week later in south Wales, Sunday, January 27, there is a further trial at the Caerphilly Centre of Sporting Excellence in Ystrad Mynach from 2.30pm.

From these trials, a squad of 30 will be selected. This squad will then train and play two or three warm up games, after which the final squad of 20 players will be selected to participate in the Student Four Nations.

Wales Students' head coach Paul Emaruelli said: "The overall goal for 2019 is to improve on last year's

performance where we finished third in the Four Nations. The programme that we now, gives us more time to fully prepare players, and having trials at both ends of Wales, gives lads from all areas the opportunity to represent their country."

Triallists need to send their details through to Wales Rugby League before Friday, January 18 for the north trial and Friday, January 25, for the south trial.

Please submit your information at [https://walesrugbyleague.co.uk/student\\_registration](https://walesrugbyleague.co.uk/student_registration)

Evidence of eligibility to play for Wales must also be proved. For Wales Students, players must either be born in Wales, have Welsh parents or grandparents, or must be studying full-time at a Welsh education establishment.

Triallists must be aged 17 or over by September 1, 2019.



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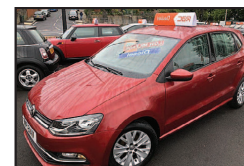
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## Festive fun for Brynhill ladies



**THE Brynhill Golf Club ladies section always have a celebration whenever they can fit one into their busy golfing calendar.**

Most recently they celebrated their Mince Pie and Secret Santa afternoon. Lots of gifts were won and lost with ladies trying to finish up with the gift they liked the most. This year the most popular gifts were a singing dog and a white squirrel.

On behalf of the ladies, Robbie Lee thanked ladies captain Sam Pascoe for organising the fun-filled afternoon and thanks to Liz Fine for providing the wine.

The ladies' AGM and fixture night will be held at Brynhill Golf Club on Tuesday, February 5 at 6pm.

JMK

## Llantwit Major Bowls Club indoor section celebrates most wonderful time



**THE indoor section of Llantwit Major Bowls Club held the end of year party in Llantwit Major Rugby Club, as the Bowls Club is closed while the new changing rooms and toilets are being built.**

Over 27 members attended a 'bring a plate' party and an enjoyable time was had by all. Ken Williams, who runs this section said that new members are always welcome, and if you are interested,

we are open from the beginning of January next year.

So, if you are looking for a pleasant time and gentle exercise by spending an afternoon playing carpet bowls, meeting new people and having a cup of tea and biscuit for just £2 a week, come along to the Rugby Club Monday to Thursday from 2pm to 4pm. Further details can be found on the website [www.lmbc.wales](http://www.lmbc.wales).

## Vale Bridge club latest

**THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for December 17 are as follows:**

First, Phil Felman and David Birt 71.46 per cent; second, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 62.08; third, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan 59.38.

LE

## Another successful year for Barry Beavers

**LAST year was another fantastic year for the Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club, with achievements and successes for the whole club.**

One of these successes was eight of the gala team successfully competed in the Nationals in Sevenoaks Kent and the swimming club gala team retained the Regional Cup from last year.

This success is down to the time put in with the timings, the coaching and a dedicated swimming gala team. On top of the regional and national galas, there have been a lot of good gala performances throughout the swimming calendar year, including some of the swimmers having to upgrade their own previous events from 25m up to 100m events.

More swimmers achieved their green, red and yellow badges during club sessions, along with the club gaining more members over the year as helpers and swimmers, which has been a great achievement.

Barry Beavers took part in a swimathon on April 22 at Bridgend to raise some funds for the club, as well as for

the host team and they all swam well.

A team of 12 Beavers took part in the special gala on behalf of Lyndsy, who is battling illness at her swimming club.

The club's PIP 3 had a great turnout with members from the other teams attending and taking part in some of the performances and entertainment on the day. There were sparkly tattoos, face painting and merchandise to sell, along with a raffle and a barbecue, at which the club's cooks made some great food for all who attended.

To end the year, the club held their Christmas party at Jenner Park Football Club in Barry at which there was a great turnout on the night with a raffle and presentation of awards.

Darren and Josey Kerr ran a disco, with performances from club members entertaining everyone. There was also a special guest, Santa, who handed out gifts to the children at the party.

NC

## Barry Vets impress in cup match

**MERTHYR Vets welcomed Barry Vets to a wet and cold Abercynon for this Over-55s Right Equity Release Cup match.**

In a chaotic first few minutes, both sides had opportunities to score but it was the visitors who went ahead when Paul Welsh finished clinically after a mix up in the home defence.

The goal had a contradictory affect on the game with Barry becoming casual with both passing and movement and Merthyr responding positively, albeit in a slightly cavalier manner.

Barry were also neglecting their defensive responsibilities and Merthyr's Tony Jones should have converted at least one of a triumvirate of chances created.

The small pitch didn't suit Barry's passing game but the talismanic Mike Bobbett continued his excellent run of form in an error-strewn contest. Barrie Marshall, also playing well, extended Barry's lead going into the interval, with a neat finish.

After a dressing-down by player/

manager Jimmy Blackie, Barry started more positively in the second half and a rare flowing move ended with substitute Chris Rutherford giving his team a comfortable lead with his very first touch.

However, Merthyr's never-say-die attitude had to be applauded and they pressed forward regardless. Their endeavours were rewarded when the influential Mark Price headed home well when unmarked at a corner, and although the hosts had the lions share of possession for the remainder of the game, Barry glove-man Jones was rarely tested and the Seasiders held on for a precious win.

With no further games until January 6, Barry are well-placed in all competitions – the over-55s top their group in the cup and are second in the league with a game in hand, while the over-50s are three points off the league leaders with a game in hand and face Cwmbran in the cup semi-final on February 3.

AH

## Barry and District League tables and results

<b>CRIB DIVISION 1:</b>	Rhoosters 57.0, King William XII 52.5, Rugby Club 52.0, West End D 6; Cadoxton Cons 2, Liberals 13; West End 4, Moors Boys 11.	51.0, Rhoose Social C 40.0, Rhoose Social B 34.5, Barries Boys 27.5, Cambrian Flyers 18.5.	Market Street B 16.
League table: Liberals 95, Rhoose Social 95, Cadoxton Cons 88, West End 88, Runaways 87, Wyndham Cons 83, Moors Boys 79.	S N O O K E R	West End B 1, Market Street C 4; Penarth Cons D 2; Rhoose Social C 2, Cadoxton Cons A 3; West End A 1, Sully Sports A 4; Savoy B 4, Services Social B 1.	<b>DIVISION 2:</b>
S K I T T L E S	West End C 2; Penarth Cons A 2, Wyndham Cons A 3; Rhoose Social King William XII 4.5, Liberals A 2.5; Allsorts 5, Cambrian Flyers 2; Rhoosters 5, Rhoose Social A 2; Sea View Exiles 2, West End C 5; Barry Town FC 2, Rugby Club 5; Liberals C 4, Rhoose Social C 3.	League table: Cadoxton Cons A 41, Penarth Cons B 40, Rhoose Social C 40, Savoy B 38, Market Street C 36, *Services Social B 34, Harbour A 32, West End A 31, Wyndham Cons D 31, Sully Sports A 25, West End B 18 (* = points deducted).	View all results and league tables at <a href="http://www.barryleagues.co.uk">www.barryleagues.co.uk</a> .
League table: West End C 66.5, Sea View Exiles 65.5, Barry Town FC 59.0, Allsorts 57.5,	21, Rhoose Social B 18,		<b>JW</b>

## Barry and District Mens Skittles League results

<b>ALAN Rosser Cup:</b>	GROUP A - Barry Park B 247, Royalists 291; Billy Whizz 273, Tynny Lads 243.	Table: Glenbrook Flyers 4, Mighty Dockers 2, Geest 0, Cocoa Nuts 0.	Breakaways 264; Billy Bluebirds 262, Witchill Poachers 255.
Table: Royalists 4, Billy Whizz 2, Barry Park B 2, Tynny Lads 0.	GROUP B - British Rail 358, KP Rejects 367; Park Lads 352, Cannon Balls 366.	Table: Glenbrook Flyers 4, Mighty Dockers 2, Geest 0, Cocoa Nuts 0.	Table: Willie Wombles 6, Park Rangers 6, BP Breakaways 2, Billy Bluebirds 2, Witchill Poachers 0.
Table: KP Rejects 4, Park Lads 2, Cannon Balls 2, British Rail 0.	GROUP C - 49ers 308, Alternatives 276; Hairy Lemons 292, H Bells 293.	Table: Cavaliers 4, Posties 2, Colcot Boys 2, Abercete 0.	GROUP H - Merrymen 5, Master Mariner 0; C.U.D. 247, Blue Monkey 4, Ex-Servicemen 5.
Table: H Bells 4, 49ers 2, Hairy Lemons 0, Alternatives 0.		Table: Sea View 8, Castle Boys 4, Exiles 2, Bunker Boys 2, Witchill Nomads 0.	Table: Merrymen 8, Blue Monkey 4, Ex-Servicemen 2, C.U.D. 2, Master Mariner 0.
		GROUP G - Willie Wombles 244, Billy Bluebirds 129; Park Rangers 286, BP	View all results and tables at <a href="http://www.barryleagues.co.uk">www.barryleagues.co.uk</a> .

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## Barry Town United enjoy a successful festive period



ABOVE LEFT: Gavin Chesterfield celebrates another Barry Town United win, while ABOVE RIGHT: The players celebrate one of the goals against Cardiff Met at Jenner Park.

**THERE** were jubilant scenes at Jenner Park on Boxing Day, as Barry Town scored a second 2-1 win of the festive period to go top of the JD Welsh Premier League.

Goals from Kayne McLaggon and Jordan Cotterill made it four December victories from four in their 12.30pm kick-off with Cardiff Met, helping Barry climb above Connah's Quay Nomads

and into pole position. There were then cheers in the clubhouse as Bala's afternoon win over Nomads ensured the Jenner Park outfit closed out 2018 as the Welsh top flight's top dogs.

Aiming to replicate their win of a year prior, Barry began their Boxing Day game on the front foot and went ahead in the 20th minute when Kayne McLaggon headed into the Met net, completing a brilliant build-up move and claiming his third goal in as many matches.

Watched by a crowd of 686, the Town's slender lead would last a mere three minutes, as the Archers' Eliot Evans fired a long-range arrow into the bottom corner.

Nevertheless, Barry would regain their goal advantage by the break; captain Jordan Cotterill executing a measured finish to delight the grandstanders.

After the interval, Met would repeatedly press for a second equaliser, yet Barry goalkeeper Mike Lewis remained

relatively untroubled, with the best chance coming at the opposite end as Town substitute Tom Fry's spectacular curled effort struck the woodwork.

After the teams locked horns again in Cyncoed on New Year's Eve (Met

gaining their revenge with a 3-0 win), Barry wrap up their Phase One away days with a visit to European campaigners Cefn Druids on Saturday, January 5, a 2.30pm kick-off at The Rock.

AC

## Villagers are beaten by the Wanderers

**DINAS** Powys RFC took the lead after 15 minutes through a Ben White penalty in this game against Glamorgan Wanderers, but this was to be the only time that they led during the contest.

The first of three yellow cards awarded against the Villagers saw the Wanderers score two converted tries during this 10 minute period; the first through a rolling maul and the second as a result of a well-judged cross kick by home fly half Luke Fish.

The second yellow card saw the Villagers prevent any scoring by the home side, despite their numerical advantage. The defensive effort was hugely physical, led by number eight Josh Dunleavy and hooker Tom Baister supported by flankers Corey Imperatto and the dynamic Lewis Dunleavy.

The Villagers added a further penalty kick before half-time through the boot of White and the Wanderers led 14-6.

The first half hour of the second half saw the Villagers encamped in the opposition half and enjoying dominance at the scrum through the efforts of hooker Baister and props Rhys Forse and James Greenfield.

A penalty gained at the scrum allowed White to kick a further penalty and reduce the lead to 14-9. Breaks by scrum half Liam Driscoll and wingers Rhys Evans and Jim Wiltshire failed to produce the vital score, and as the Villagers pressed once more on the home tryline, yet another yellow card was produced by the referee.

The numerical advantage finally told and, on a rare foray into the Dinas half of the pitch by the Wanderers, Fish produced a further precise cross kick that was caught acrobatically by former Ugandan sevens specialist Phil Pariyo for their third try.

The conversion was added and the final whistle was blown by referee Andrew Maule, the final score 21-9.

HJ

## Barry RFC complete comeback against the league leaders!



JUDITH DUTTON was on hand to capture the action as Barry RFC defeated league leaders St Peters.

**BARRY** RFC finally returned to action following numerous postponements with matches falling to inclement weather, with league leaders St Peters their visitors.

The visiting side has enjoyed a fine first half of the season and showcased their credentials by putting Barry on the back foot straight from the kick off, utilising their powerful pack and organised set play.

The pressure on the Barry line was relieved, however, by some determined home tackling and the boot of fly-half Eianan Scott.

Instead, Barry began to grow into the contest and were wresting control from the visitors when a loose pass was intercepted by the hooker who raced away to score under the posts for a converted score.

Stung, the hosts tried to respond but with a scrum under pressure and lottery at the lineup it was St Peters instead who went further ahead with a penalty kick.

Barry were further rocked by the loss of veteran Hywel Jones, who had to go off injured, with James Hadfield his replacement.

The home side were not gaining any favours from the official as they were repeatedly penalised in the tight, much to the bemusement of the spectators and players alike.

St Peters, however, were in no mood to let up as they utilised the penalty count to set up drive after drive towards the Barry line, which eventually relented as they crossed in the corner for another converted try.

At half-time the game seemed over with St Peters, 17-0 to the good. It would require a fightback of monumental proportions and, perhaps sensing that they had nothing to lose, Barry came out in the second half all guns blazing, immediately putting the Rocks under pressure.

The game began to break down which suited the Barry back row of Luke O'Sullivan, Hadfield and the impressive Harry Moyle.

Another St Peters indiscretion was punished by Kyle Barros' unerring boot to reduce the deficit to 14 points.

The Barry loose forwards were now begin to dominate proceedings as they outworked their opposition. Half backs Tom Lee and Scott were beginning to dictate play and Tomos Perry gave the hosts some much needed go-forward.

Barry were finally rewarded when O'Sullivan crash over in the corner.

Barros converted from a seemingly impossible angle to bring the hosts within one score of the league leaders.

The momentum had truly swung in the home side's favour. Indeed, it was another impressive passage of play, with O'Sullivan combining with Alyn Evans, all the while well-supported by forwards and backs alike, ending with O'Sullivan crossing for a second score. Barros' conversion from distance sailed wide but there were now only two points in it.

It was St Peters' turn to earn the wrath of the official in the second half and more pressure by the Barry back row forced them to concede a kickable opportunity in their own half and Barros put Barry one point ahead with just 10 minutes to go.

St Peters finally awoke from the slumber and pressed forward for a score that would win them the game. Straight from kick-off, they turned the ball over, and when a well-aimed grubber kick caused panic in the Barry defence, they recycled the ball calmly until the home side ran out of numbers for the Rocks to score their third try out wide.

The conversion was unsuccessful leaving the visitors 22-18 ahead in the dying embers of the contest.

Undeterred, Barry put one last effort to assault the St Peters line. The tight forwards gained the hard yards required to move the attack in the red zone, and when the visitors fell foul of the whistle once again, a kick to the corner was the obvious option.

After initially disrupting the lineup, the Rocks conceded another penalty from the resulting passage of play, and Barry were given one last lifeline in the last play of the game.

This time there was no mistake from Evans as he found his man. The ball was successfully recycled as the entire Barry side joined the driving maul for one last bid to the line.

Evans emerged from the sea of bodies to ground the try, completing a comeback that at the interval seemed unlikely to say the least. Barry emerged 23-22 winners in a bruising contest that delighted players, management and supporters alike.

This was a superb way for the side to finish 2018 with their most impressive win to date.

Barry will hope to continue this momentum when they visit Abercrombie this weekend; a bus leaves the club at 12.30pm.

Lottery numbers were 5, 6, 11 and 18 - there were no winners, so the jackpot rolls onto £3,350.

KC

## Controversy at chess club's final game of the year

**THE** final match in 2018 for the Barry Chess Club saw the Camelots in Division 2 travel to Cardiff to play divisional leaders the Crowns.

This was the home match for Barry as our venue was not available this week. For three of our players it was the second consecutive visit to Cardiff as the Gambits had been on action the previous week.

The Crowns outrated us on four boards. On the other board, while we notionally appeared to have the player with the higher rating, our opponent was Kimberley Chong, who has seen her rating increase by over 300 points since the start of the season and now leads the race for the Alec Wood Trophy.

My game was the first to finish on board four when the major pieces

had been removed and all the pawns remained, leaving a blocked position for a draw.

Kimberley won her game but Tom Cooke levelled the score with a win for Barry. Cardiff took a win on board 2 so everything hinged on the final match on board 1.

The Cardiff player seemed to have an edge, but our player, Dave Parsons, was fighting on valiantly. The game took a dramatic turn when the Cardiff player picked up his queen and also one of Dave's pawns.

Belatedly, he saw this was not such a good move and replaced both pieces onto the board. He then proceeded to make a different move with his queen.

At this point, Dave protested that it was an illegal move. The Cardiff player disagreed and called his team captain for advice. The Barry players, much like the Leeds

United of the 1970s, all chipped in as well. In a magnanimous gesture, Dave offered a draw as he felt his opponent was unhappy with the decision to capture the pawn.

Dave then showed his proposed next move would have forked this opponent's King and Rook and would likely have been the winning move.

As a result of this we lost 3-2, the Crowns drop to third in the table and we remain in seventh, still above Bridgend B with a game in hand. Hopefully, the loss of the half point does not prove crucial to either team at the end of the season.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

For more details visit our website at [barrychessclub.yolasite.com](http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com)

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